

### Army Wants Use of Park Facilities Under Contract

A contract between the U. S. Army and the city of Torrance covering use of city park and all of its facilities for use by armed forces at any time during the duration will be signed by Mayor Tom McGuire providing the agreement, read at council meeting Tuesday afternoon, is approved by the city attorney.

The Army has been using the park's facilities for several months but Army authorities now want a formal contract executed that will cover all phases of the occupation and possible rents and claims for damage.

Councilman Vern Babcock wanted a proviso inserted in the agreement to the effect that Army trucks shall not be allowed on the baseball field, pointing out that the heavy vehicles would "cut the turf to ribbons." He was reminded by a fellow member of the municipal board:

"Maybe you'll be glad to have a few ruts in the ball park to crawl into when an air raid comes!"

### Crusades Bequeath Cross of Lorraine to Free France

LOS ANGELES—The origin of the double-barred cross seen on the Christmas stamps and recently adopted by the new organization, France Forever, is told by Captain Paul Perigord, professor of French civilization on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California.

"Known now as the cross of Lorraine, this emblem was the common form of the cross in the early Byzantine church," says Dr. Perigord, "the smaller upper bar denoting the title which Pilate had placed above the head of Christ.

"At the time the Crusaders went eastward they discovered this variation of the more familiar cross, and Godfrey of Lorraine took it for his emblem when he was made ruler of Jerusalem in 1099.

"The House of Lorraine in France after the crusades retained this cross, and the Free French crusaders of today employ the symbol, as have those who war upon tuberculosis, to show their consecration to the task of wiping out the scourge of invasion from which France suffers."

**MOTHERS' MEETING**  
The monthly meeting of Mothers' Educational Center will be held tomorrow morning, Friday, Feb. 27, at Woman's Clubhouse, beginning at 9 o'clock.

**AT P. V. HOME**  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harder were dinner guests last Thursday evening at the George H. Moore home in Palos Verdes.



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### An Example For Us

History of national heroes tends to dramatize their achievements and gild their glories—and so slight the agonies and trials they knew.

If Americans need inspiration from the life of George Washington on his birthday in this fateful year, they may reflect that Washington encountered more treachery than any at Pearl Harbor, encountered military defeat far more crushing than any we are likely to know, encountered inner enemies as deadly as any possible combination of today's fifth columnists—and crushed and rose above them to complete victory.

Everyone knows of Benedict Arnold. But at the battle of Monmouth, Washington's shrewd strategic plan and vigorous assault were brought to naught by the treachery of Charles Lee. When Lee ruined the attack by a sudden order to retreat, Washington rushed to restore the line—but the golden opportunity had been lost. A court martial only relieved Lee of command for one year! Washington fought on.

Everyone knows of Washington's ordeal at Valley Forge. But while that great and noble man was cheering his half-starved soldiers through the winter, a faction of Congress was seeking to displace him by a political coup and supplant him with General Gates. And Washington fought on.

Deserters, mutineers and plunderers undermined his armies. Again and again, through five long years, America's cause was near disaster. But Washington fought on. Treachery, defeat, desertion—nothing could daunt him nor make him quit.

To George Washington's strength of character we owe the America we cherish. If Washington's courage and faith in the dark hours of his war to create American liberty are emulated by America's leaders and people in the dark hours of today's war to preserve that liberty, the issue can never be in doubt.

### Gen. Washington's Medal of Honor

"The road to glory in a patriot army and a free country is open to all," declared General Washington in his order of the day August 7, 1782, instituting the first American badge for military merit.

His act was in recognition of "bravery, fidelity and good conduct" among the non-commissioned officers and private soldiers in the Continental Army. Thus was established the Order of the Purple Heart.

Individual valor has always been a distinguishing trait of the American soldier. In the lapse of more than a century and a half between Bunker Hill, Valley Forge and Stony Point to Pearl Harbor, Batan and the Macassar Straits the roster of those men who have traveled the road to glory furnishes a brilliant record of patriotism and sacrifice.

In the first dark hours of the present war their heroic deeds have thrilled their countrymen and illumined the way to ultimate victory—inspiring hope of a triumph not only for the United Nations but for downtrodden peoples throughout the world.

No gold, silver or bronze blazoned from the breasts of the heroes Washington intended to honor. Read his general order:

"The General ever desirous to cherish virtuous ambition in his soldiers, as well as to foster and encourage every species of military merit, directs that when any singularly meritorious action is performed, the author of it shall be permitted to wear on his facings over the left breast the figure of a heart in purple cloth, or silk, edged with narrow lace or binding. Not only instances of unusual gallantry, but also of extraordinary fidelity and essential service in any way shall meet with due reward. . . . The road to glory in a patriot army and a free country shall be open to all."

**DINNER GUESTS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Austin were guests at a dinner party given last night by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Owens, at the Victor Hugo in Laguna Beach.

**DAY RECOVERING**  
William H. Day of 2360 Sonoma st. is convalescing from a recent illness.



**Purple Heart Medal**  
glory in a patriot army and a free country shall be open to all." Subsequent to the Revolution the Order of the Purple Heart seems to have fallen into disuse and no further awards were made. Its revival was suggested at the time of the observance of the 200th anniversary of Washington's birth, and its reinstitution was announced by the War Department February 22, 1932. Under changes in Army regulations the Purple Heart is authorized to persons who "while serving in the Army of the United States perform any singularly meritorious act of extraordinary fidelity or essential service."

**WORKMAN INJURED**  
H. E. Hitter, Los Angeles, suffered severe head injuries Monday afternoon when some planks on which he was standing slipped on a scaffold at the Daniels cafe building on Cabrillo ave. and he fell 25 feet to a cement floor. He was treated at a local physician's office.

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### Council Reverses Policy Covering Auditorium Use

On condition that the organization evacuate the building at once if a "blue" air raid warning signal is received, the city council Tuesday afternoon rescinded cancellation of the dance permit granted a Technocracy group last June and allowed plans for the Feb. 28 affair in the Civic Auditorium to proceed.

The council had announced a policy of permitting no more evening social affairs or entertainments in the Auditorium for the duration of the war because the building has been designated as Casualty Clearing Station No. 1 in event of an emergency. This policy, formed shortly after war was declared Dec. 8, was reaffirmed several times since, the last being Feb. 10 when the reservation held by the Technocrats was cancelled.

A protest against this action was made Tuesday afternoon by a woman representative of that organization who said tickets

### Lomita's Contribution to Defense Highly Specialized

Lomita citizens who have been somewhat concerned because every community "round about is so busy on important defense work that people have failed to observe the great defense activity in a most specialized line that has been going here.

If you have been so unobservant, take a look at some of the large army trucks leaving the community. Can it be Shades of Chick Sale! Yes it can and is!

#### SET DRUNK DRIVING TRIALS

Two motorists were arrested on charges of drunk driving here last Sunday. Both put up \$150 bail and will have their trials Feb. 28. They were Vern C. Manning, 45, 1513 West 216th st., who was arrested at Cravens and Carson, and Francisco Gonzales, 29, Los Angeles, arrested on Pacific Coast (101) highway.

#### SELECTEE LEAVES

George Masao Hashimura of Moneta, a transfer from Fresno, was sent into Army training from Selective Service Board No. 280 last Saturday morning.

He had been sold for the dance. She agreed to the evacuation of the building by the dancers in event a secondary or "blue" air raid warning signal was received.

### Rock Quarry Permit Sought by Lomitans

Permit to establish a rock quarry on South Western ave. south of Palos Verdes Drive was placed before the board of supervisors for approval this week by the county Regional Planning commission. The site is located on the Burkhardt Ranch.

Shepard Brothers of Lomita, builders of a 2,600-unit defense housing project on the Montana Ranch northeast of Long Beach, applied for the permit several weeks ago. The Regional Planning commission has held hearings and approved the application.

The applicants propose to take sand and gravel from the area, which is on the westerly side of Western ave. for use in their housing projects. No open pits are to be left when they finish their operations, it was specified by the planning body.

The area is now a series of small canyons and gulleys and these will be leveled in the process of excavating sand and gravel, in preparation for subdivision of the area, it was explained.

**ENLISTS IN NAVY**  
Alfred J. Mason, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mason of 2029 Arlington ave., left Tuesday for San Diego Naval Reserve Training school, where he will serve as yeoman.

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